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Our birds of song are silent now, There are no flowers blooming ; Yet life is in the frozen bough, And Freedom's Spring is coming! And Preedom's tide comes up alway, Tho' we may stand in sorrow; and our good Bark, aground To-day, Shall float again To-morrow.

The Promised Land To-morrow.

Thro' all the long, dark night of years The People's cry ascendeth. And Earth is wet with blood and tears, But our meek sufferance endeth ! The Pew shall not forever sway, The Many moll in sorrow : The Powers of Hell are strong To-day, But Christ shall rise To-morrow.

The' hearts brood ov'r the Past, our eves With smiling Futures glisten! For lo! our day bursts up the skies; Lean out your souls and listen! The World rolls Freedom's radiant way. And ripens with her sorrow : Keep heart-who bear the Cross To-day Shall wear the Trown To-morrow.

O. Youth! fiame-earnest, still aspire, With energies immortal! To many a heaven of Destre, Our yearning opes a portal! And the' Age wearies by the way. Ard hearts break in the turrow ; We'll sow the golden grain To-day, The Harvest comes To-morrow.

Build up herois lives, and all Be like a sheathen sabre, Ready to flash out at God's call, O. Chivalry of Labor! Prinmph and Toil are Twins, and aye Joy suns the cloud of Sorrow; And 'tis the Martyrdem To-day, Brings Victory To-morrow.

"Number Ninety-One."

the hotel, which illustrates the crowdthat time :

When I got there, I just said, 'Captain. I wrote you about six weeks ago to save me a room; I hope you have done so.'

'Certainly I have; waiter, show the gentleman to number ninety-one.'

I'm blessed if there wasn't forty others beside myself in the same spartment, and when they went to undress six-shooter or two. My partner had an immense pistol, which he coolly 'Iago.' She never smiled again. took off and placed in bed between us

'Say, stranger,' says I, 'If I had to carry a thing like that, blamed if I wouldn't put it on wheels."

'Guess if I choose to wear it, it's nobody's business,' he replied. 'Well,' says I, "is all this artillery

company in this room?" The next night, after we had all

turned in, there came a rap at the door; the beds were all full but one. and in this there was a tall Texan, who after the rapping had been several times repeated, got up, and in a costume little bester than the Georgia full dress, but with a revolver in his hand, opened the door and demanded :

What do you mean by kicking up such an infernal row here?"

They told me there was a vacant bed here, said a dapper-looking fellow. with a satchel in his hand, 'and I came to occupy it."

'Come in.' replied Texas, flourishing his pistol, 'there ain't no vacant bed but you kin bunk in with me.'

'Thank you,' said the new comer, at the same time evidently wishing himself out again.

I can tell you that young fellow wasn't long 'shucking' himself and sliding easily into bed; but he had no more than stretched himself, when his bedfellow said:

'You got any whisky?' 'Y-e-s, sir: I was-afraid of the water, and-

'Water! if you'r got any whisky, be have like a gentleman and produce it. The young man got out of bed and sonn banded over a small wicker flask-

'It's your whisky -drink first,' said Texas.

His companion poured out about three drops and took it, when the other put the flask to his head and drained it, and then coolly turned it bottom up, to show that it was dry, and hand.

ed it back." About half the occupants were changed every day, and I could tell every new arrival and the number of his room, as soon as I set eyes on him, 'Hallo, Colonel, just got in?' I would

'Yes, just in, and lucky enough to get a room.' What's your number?' I would ask.

'Ninety-one,' was sure to be the re-I staid there until they began to put the new arrivels in through the tran-

Antoinette Polk's Coming Mar-

[Olive Logan's Paris Letter.]

som, and then I left town.

I am sorry to hear that Miss Polk of Tennesce, is going to marry a French General much her senior. These marriages between May and December are never happy ones, even between compatriots, but when the high contracting parties are of different nationalities they are invariably unsuccessful. Jeal ousy and diverse notions of propriety I tell you sah, she is a good cook. She always bring about troubles.

An American girl may do a thing which, from her point of view, is en-tirely harmless, but which may have some frightful meaning to a foreigner. A schoolmate of mine took all the money her father had left her, and which he had extracted painfully from many generations of swine, and used it to buy herself a prize animal of the sort—who was a grandee of Spain—a grandee Castilian hogee. My friend was young and pretty, and as good a girl as ever lived. Her manners, how-One of the exhibitors at the recent than the traditional repose of the Vere de Veres—in fact, I may say she was amusing account of his experience at decidedly free and easy. In company or alone her favorite habit was not to ed condition of the public house at school girls—but to cross one geneuflexing member over t'other, and swing her number one slipper. Now, old Holoternes couldn't endure this; he remonstrated with her a number of times; even italicised his remarks by tweaking her nose and pulling her ears. She strove earnestly to break herself of the habit, but occasionally she would relapse into it. One night at a ball she did so. When he brought her home he nearly murdered her, and then, for the first time, she discovered from his broat night, the room looked like an arse- ken English explanations that among nal, for every man had a knife and a dignity on the part of a lady had a meaning worthy the imagination of an

led me from the subject, namely, Miss

She is a girl of surpassing beauty, of fortune, and has lived long in Italy. She is the heroine of Josquin Miller's idealization, called 'One Fair Woman;' and also his model of a lady fair in a drama which he wrote some years ago and sent over to America from Europe for production. The MS was lost on the way, and, as he had no duplicate, the fishes hold the copyright, and are now giving amateur performances of it at the Court of Neptune.

Frankness in Love.

One of the most essential things in all love affairs is entire and perfect frankness. Both parties should be to each other. How many uneasy, troubled, and anxious minds, how many breaking and how many broken hearts there are to-day in which content and happiness might have reigned supreme but for want of frankness! Repentance inevitably comes for all these things, but it often comes too late, and only when the evil produced

is incurable. In love, as in everything else, truth is the strongest of all things, and frankness is but another name for truth-Then always be frank. Avoid misunderstandings; give no reason or occasion for them. They are more easily shunged than cured; they leave scars light of a clear day in which every. thing may be plainly perceived.

Silence is cheap virtue.

What it Costs Negroes to Live.

It has been a matter of wonder to many people how so many idle negroes subsist about this city.

We have an old negro man who vis' its our premises once a week and performs a small job, for which we pay him a quarter. We had the curiosity to interview him the other day as to his finances and subsistence.

'How are you getting on Uncle Aleck?' said we.

'Ah, thank God, I make out to get nuff to eat,' said Aleck. 'Some days I make a quarter, some days more or less, and some days nuffin. But indurin' the week I gets 'nuff to buy visions for me and de ole o mun.'

'Well, Uncle Aleck, how much provisions do you buy; tell me exactly, I want to make a calculation.'

Aleck then gave the following items as his weekly purchases for himself and

W-10.	Cents
	Description (1974)
On half peck meal,	10
One and one half pounds of	meat,15
One pint of molasses,	12
One pound sugar,	12
One haif pound butter,	15
One nair pound butter,	10
Coffee,	10

I asked him if he had plenty. 'O la, yes, massa; my wife is a good cook, used to cook for ole missus in slavery time, and we has a good table. I tel you, sah, we lives as well as most colored people I knows of; as good-well as der hack drivers. We have 'greens' from our garden, and sometimes I eats de gravy and leave all de meat for de ole 'oman.'

And this is the way the darkies live -by doing little jobs. A small smount of cheap bread and meat will subsist them-many times some of them have bread alone. Many idle men, who do little jobs or follow politics, are supported mainly by their wives at the washtub. It would astonish any one to count up the money paid out every week for washing. Washing,, cooking and nursing babies, supports a large portion of the negro population of Selma. This cheap living makes the cheapest labor in the United States .-

Selma (Ala.) Times.

Growing Old. It is the solemn thought connected with middle life, that life's last business is begun in earnest; and it is then the Spanish this simple infraction of midway between the cradle and the grave, that man begins to marvel that he let the days of youth go by so half These remarks about marriages have enjoyed. It is the pensive autumn feeling , it is the sensation of half sadness that we experience when the longest day of the year is past and every day that follows is sborter, and the light fainter, and the feeblar shadows tell that nature is hastening with gigantic footsteps to her winter grave. So does man look back upon his youth When the first gray hairs become visi. ble, when the unwelcome fact fastens itself upon the mind that a man is no longer going up hill but down, and that the sun is always westering, he looks back on things behind. When we were children we thought as children. But now there lies before us frank-true to themselves and truthful manhood, with its earnest work and then old age, and the grave, and then home. There is a second youth for man, better and holier than his first, if

he will look on and not look back. Parallel of the Sexes.

There is an admirable partition of qualities between the sexes, which the Author of our being has distributed to each, with a wisdom, that challenges our unbounded admiration. Man is strong-woman is beautiful. Man is daring and confident-woman is diffident and unassuming. Man is great in action-woman in suffering. Man shines abroad-woman at home. Man talks to convince-woman to persuade upon the heart. You are less likely to and please. Man has a rugged hear!be deceived yourself when you never woman a soft and tender one. Man deceive others. Frankness is like the prevents misery-woman relieves. Man has science-woman taste.

Have the courage to prefer comfort and propriety to fashion in all things